SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

REPORT

C. & S. Hongkew Station,
No. S. B. D. 2109.
Date March 8th, 1931.
10 - 3 - 31.

Subject (in full) With reference to the attached.

Made by D.S.Stocks. Forwarded by

At 6.30 p.m. 4/3/31, Sgt. Bridges of the River Police brought to Hongkew Station one giving his name as Hondra alias Biskin, who had been arrested by members of the River Police for assaulting a customs officer, who had attempted to search the above named person aboard the S.S.Kasago Maru. Hondra alias Biskin claimed Dual Nationality, i.e. Japanese and Italian. The River Police informed the Japanese Consulate, who refused to take jurisdition over the arrested man. Sgt. Bridges requested that the man be detained at Hongkew pending further enquiries. The prisoner was escorted to the Italian Consulate and the Italian Consul was interviewed. He stated that owing to the lateness of the hour he was unable to decide the states of the prisoner , but would take responsibility of the detention of the prisoner until 10.30 a.m. 5/3/31, when he should be brought before the Italian Court, and a decision of Jurisdiction would be given. The prisoner was detained at Hongkew Station.
At 10.30 a.m. 5/3/31, the prisoner was brought before the Italian Consulate Court, where the judge refused to take Jurisdition. The prisoner was then conveyed to the Chinese City Court, where he now detained.
The real name of the arrested person is Henato alias Hondra alias Biskin, he was charged at Hongkew for unlawful possession of arms and ammunitions and sentenced to six months imprisonment on the 15/10/28.

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C.I.S. Branch.

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Sir

Re attached. Enquiries show that the offence occurred on S.S. "Kasagi Maru" on Japan mail wharf. N. Yangtze Road. I therefore respectfully suggest that this enquiry be conducted by Hongkong

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Extract from Morning Translation of 5.3.31.

AN ITALIAN BRANDISHES KNIFE AT CUSTOM OFFICERS

The Shanghai Nippo publishes the following report:-

About 5 p.m. yesterday several custom officers on duty at Wayside Wharf held a suspicious looking passenger on the S.S. Aso Maru, who was carrying a trunk in his hand. The officers attempted to search the trunk but the man brandished a knife. A report was made by telephone to the Japanese Consulate which immediately dispatched police officers to make an investigation.

On arrival at the wharf the Japanese Police ascertained that the man was not Japanese but an Italian married to a Japanese woman. They could not interfere and return to the Japanese Consulate.

It is reported that at 7 p.m. the Water Police and the Custom officers settled the trouble in some way that has not been disclosed.

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Passed to you for inquiries please

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For your information.

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